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Forum on S.W. School Closings

It was Standing Room Only as over 200 people crowded into the auditorium at Anthony Bowen School to discuss the possible school closing here in S.W. The elementary schools which are on the list of schools which might be closed are: Amidon, Syphax, and Anthony Bowen.

The discussion was lively and there was a panel. Several officials of the Board of Education gave speeches. The Board President, R. David Hall who is the board member from Ward 2 as well as Superintendent Franklin Smith were in attendance.

Parents expressed concerns about several issues. These were: 1. safety, 2. classroom ratio, 3. the overall facilities and the programs at certain schools and 4. the idea that the general quality of education would diminish.

The parents were very vocal, especially the parents from Amidon. Many wanted to know "How is a decision made to close a specific school? What are the factors? Also, what are the advantages and disadvantages of school closings? and What has been the success rate of previous school closings?" An official of the School System told of past cases.

All of the local principals, as well as C.W. Hargrave, Chairperson of the ANC and Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of ANC 2D were there. The entire meeting was videotaped.

EPA IS HERE FOR AWHILE

by Erin Grace

Inch tall trees flank the sides at a sprawling four-inch high, white cardboard building. Sitting in the middle of the Environmental Protection Agency's Public Information Center is a small-scale version of the Agency's future dream home. The EPA hopes to eventually leave its current domain at 401 M St, S.W. in the Waterside Mall, and move into a new building located on 13th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

"We're in the process of construction right now," an EPA public information official said.

Yet, the EPA won't be packing its bags soon. Despite rumors circulating throughout Waterside Mall, the Federal agency is here to stay - at least for a while.

"We're not going to be moving out of this building any time soon," one EPA employee said. "We have no other place to go right now."

The employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said the agency has considered the Northwest location and will eventually try to relocate there.

"But that is at least four or five years away," he said. Presently, the agency is struggling to win the proposed building site, in a tug of war with the International and Cultural Trade Center, which wants the building also.

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ELECTIONS FOR THE SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Anyone who lives in Southwest and is over 18 is eligible to vote for officers of the SWNA.

The slate is : President - John Brown, who is running against David Brewer; Vice President - Ron Collins vs. Donald McDonald; Treasurer - Lonnie Murray.

Running for Single Member District representatives are: Carmelita Simmons, John McMahan, Jacqueline Williams, Apaula Brown, Verlyn Brown, Kenneth Moon, Peggy Jackson, Walter Brooks, Ann Jackson, and Lorretta Reeves.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

Annual Meeting

Election and installation of new officers

The meeting will be at 7:30 at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St SW, on Thursday, March 25, 1993.

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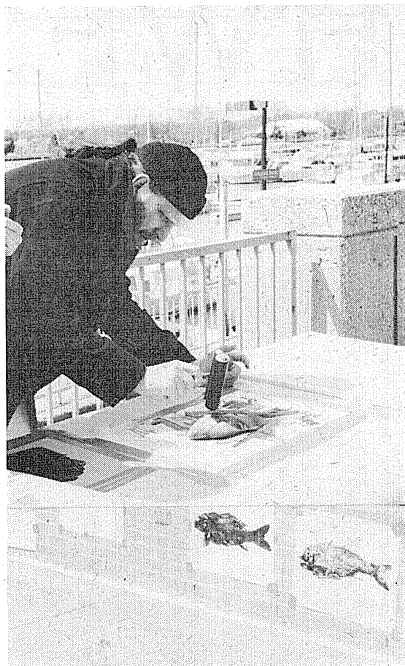
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The 81st observance of the largest festival event in Washington, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, will open on Sunday, March 28, and run for eight days until the following Sunday.

As the famous cherry trees are Southwest's greatest attraction, huge crowds will descend on our community. And our community is responding with a week long celebration of its own.

The main event is the third annual Waterfront Arts Festival, a potpourri of unusual artwork and fine crafts gathered together for sale along the waterfront. The big day is Sunday, March 28 from 12:00N until dark.

There will be much to see and to buy: mingei pottery and icons by Diane and Ted Kershaw, landscapes on rice paper by Sally Biondi, Japanese fish prints by George Koch and Thya Merz, wearable children's art by Kendall Barrett, Polish lace and lacquered woodwork by Hanna and Elizabeth Solnik, portraits by Art Jones, wood carvings by John Conje, wooden toys by Carl Sharp, cloisonne jewelry by Don Veihman, oil paintings of Japanese landscapes by Sepsuko Shibuyo, and much, much more.

But not everything is for sale. First District Officer Theodore Brannum will be stationed in one of the parks doing free caricatures of passers-by. And there will be a demonstration of the technique of Shodo, contemporary Japanese calligraphy, at 2:00 in the Engine Room at Channel Inn.

The Waterfront Arts Festival is a nice reminder that spring is on its way. Sponsored jointly by Waterfront Washington Association and A. Salon Ltd., an artist cooperative, it is a way of telling the world that Southwest is the home of the cherry blossoms and the waterfront.

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ARTS FESTIVAL AT RIVERSIDE BAPTIST

Riverside Baptist Church announces that it will host a week-long series of free arts performances in conjunction with Southwest's celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

The week begins at 2:00 on Sunday, March 28, with a dancing tribute to the cherry blossoms presented by the budding dancers of the Bailer Dance Theater.

D.C. al Fine, the chamber chorus of the Capitol Hill Choral Society, will be next, with a program entitled American Sounds, under the baton of Betty Buchanan. That's scheduled for 4:00 on the same day.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 will bring classical pianist David Ehrlich, with "April Fools and Romances," a repertoire of piano music from Mozart to Debussy, including works of Schubert, Chopin, and Brahms. He will repeat his program on Thursday, at 12:30.

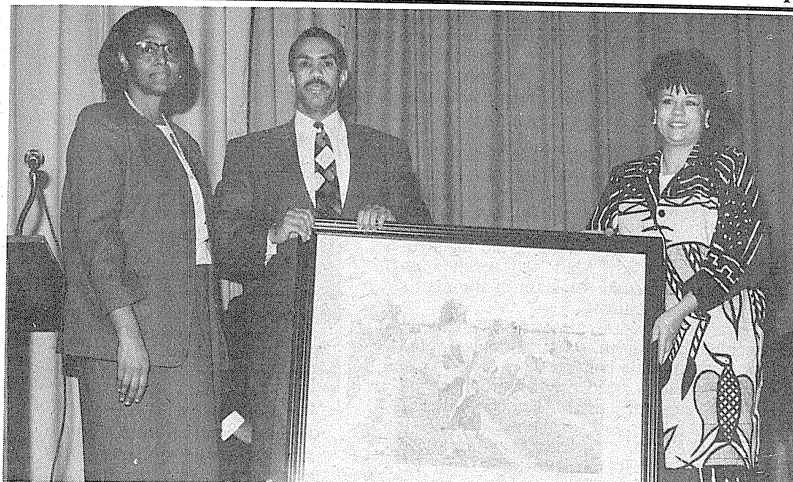
Then come back on Friday for "Cinnamon Torch," a dream-ritual theater performance designed to acquaint American audiences with the dual ancestry of ancient Africa and Asia. Directed by ZSun-nee Matema, these performances will take place at 1:00 and 7:00.

"I think it is wonderful that there is so much talent in Southwest Washington," says Riverside Pastor Michael Bledsoe. "Our church is extremely proud to provide a performing space for these excellent artists, all of whom are offering their art to the public at no charge. This is what makes a community strong and vibrant."

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NORTON HAILS BILL FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton today hailed the passage of a bill she co-sponsored for the construction by Columbia Hospital of the first National Women's Resource Center in the nation.

H.R. 490 authorizes the sale of federal land in the District of Columbia to the Columbia Hospital for Women for the construction of the Resource Center. Congresswoman Norton pointed out that H.R. 490 contains a "special bonus for the District" because of the requirement that the Hospital maintain three health satellite centers for low-income women and children as part of the price paid for the land.

In a statement on the House Floor, Congresswoman Norton said that these satellite centers will "contribute to increasing the survival of newborns at a time when our country's infant mortality rate is shamefully high."

The Congresswoman also said that the establishment of a National Women's Health Resource Center will bring critically important women's health education programs, clinic research and information services to health care consumers and professionals, as well as a long-neglected national focus to women's health issues.

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ANC News

At its March 8, 1993 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Heard former DC Council Chairman David Clarke describe the history, purpose, and operation of the DC School of Law.
2. Discussed the status of the proposed "voluntary agreement," with the East Side nite club.
3. Learned that Hardees and the management of Waterside Mall had reached an agreement to extend the lease of the mall's Roy Rogers restaurant.
4. Heard three representatives of the Chiefs' Association criticize proposed cuts in the Fire Department's budget.
5. Invited area residents to participate on the ANC's recently established committees.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, April 12, 1993 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes a visit by Ward 2 Council member Jack Evans.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Neighborhood Service Centers, (NSC's) were established in identified communities to ensure that city services are readily accessible and well coordinated to address the needs and problems of families and youths. Careful attention is given to the integration of city services with those of the private sector. NSC's will also provide a mechanism through which the Executive Branch, the City Counsel, the Board of Education, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, civil and church groups, and neighborhood volunteers may unite their efforts to assist citizens in abating violence. While at the same time, the NSC is strengthening neighborhood pride, determination and character.

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SEMINAR/WOMEN AND INVESTING

The Southwest Branch Library and The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library invite you to attend a Financial Planning Seminar featuring Terry Presmont, Account Executive with Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., on Tuesday, March 23 at 12 noon. On Thursday, March 25, also at 12 noon, Toby Burroughs, Director of Equity Marketing at Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., will present on Women and Investing. The library is located at 920 Wesley Place, SW (3rd and K Streets, SW, behind Waterside Mall). Admission is free but seating is limited. Please call 202-727-1381 or 703-838-8610 to reserve a seat.

Spring Cleaning at James Creek

James Creek is having an April Clean-up Campaign. Any stores or individuals who want to make donations (brooms, garbage bags, etc.) call Joe Norris for information. His number is 479-0591.

Community Fair at Randall Recreation Center

On February 27, the Mayor's Empowerment Program had a community fair at the Randall Recreation Center. The purpose of the fair was to inform everyone about the health services which are available either for free or a minimal cost.

Several health organizations were there. Some that were there were the American Diabetes Association - screening for diabetes, Department of Health Service - on site immunization for school children, there was testing for lead poisoning, the American Lung Association - passed out information, Chartered Health Plan - an HMO, Maternal Outreach Mobile (provides pre- and neo-natal care) was passing out literature, as were the SW Health Clinic, Inter-city AIDS Network and a podiatrist, Dr. Rucker. PEPCO had a booth manned (womaned) by SW community person, Peggy Jackson.

To add a festive note, clowns, balloons as well as, painted faces were there. The live music was by radio stations WKYS and WPGC.

500 YEARS OF RESISTANCE

The program "500 Years of Resistance" was very successful and extremely informative to the Southwest community. Mrs. Avery (former Head Librarian, SW) was the moderator. The program left a lot of food for thought, regarding where Americans are going, how we're becoming more and more expendable, how we care less and less about each other, and questioning the entire economic saga. The question of why dairy farmers are pouring milk into the ocean and being paid to do so, raised several eyebrows. Of course we all know it's not beneficial to give away milk, when milk needs to be sold. Several school children were in attendance (see photo). About 25 were at the Seminar.

The Art Exhibit Ebony and Ivory was extremely successful at the Southwest Library. It brought many people from the neighborhood to view the two different cultures of art and craft grown out of Euro-centric and Afro-centric America.

On February 10, 1993, both Mr. Paul Coles, (Ebony) and Ann Meredyth (Ivory) appeared on "D. C. Today" (cable station) with the Southwest Librarian promoting their art and the D. C. Public Library usage. If anyone missed the show, there is a tape of it at the library.

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Yaye Kadija Diallo from Guinea,
West Africa attending Southeastern Univ.

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The Federal agency was established in 1970 under President Richard Nixon. Since that time it has resided in the East and West towers of Waterside Mall, providing information services as well as bureaucratic policies. The Public Information Center, located in the West Wing's farthest corner, was recently established in 1991.

According to Gottlieb Simon, ANC-2D Executive Director, the EPA has been planning to move for over four years. However, the agency's attempt to leave Waterside Mall has been no secret.

"Hell, everyone knows we've been trying to move over to another building," the EPA employee said.

C.W. Hargrave, ANC-2D, confirmed EPA reports, saying no official action has been taken about the move. "It is still pretty unsettled," he said.

Hargrave explained that the General Services Administration, not the EPA, de-

RADIOZONE - THE KIDS STATION: IT'S ON THE AIR IN WASHINGTON!

The first of three Washington-Baltimore area children's radio stations, WRDL is now on the air at 1050 on the AM dial. Broadcasting 24 hours a day from new "child-friendly" studios in Silver Spring, Maryland, RADIOZONE provides children and their families in the Washington area with music, stories, news, sports, and weather as well as Metro traffic reports, contests and on-air giveaways. All elements of the programming are designed to be entertaining, educational and always age-appropriate.

Known as "RADIOZONE-the kids' stations," 1050 AM and its companion stations, 1460 AM in Manassas, Virginia and 1230 AM in Baltimore will be the first radio stations in the eastern United States to be devoted exclusively to children and family-oriented programming.

RADIOZONE was created by local broadcasters/attorneys, Virginia Carson and Lawrence Kessner for the purpose of filling a void in radio broadcasting; until now, children under 12 - nearly 20 percent of the population - have had no radio station just for them.

Children not only love to listen to RADIOZONE - they'll have a great time visiting, too. Recalling the early days of radio, RADIOZONE's on-air studio at WKDL has built-in seating that can accommodate up to forty children. Schools and children's groups throughout the metro area are invited to visit the studio, where they will be able to watch a live show or video-conference with their favorite network personalities in Minneapolis; they will see a display of how radio works, and will be able to produce audio tapes and station liners that will be used on-air.

Kessner says RADIOZONE has already arranged to have "RADIOZONE Night" at the Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus April 12, and to appear at a series of children's events this year at Glen Echo Park.

"Children and families deserve this," said Carson, "and we're thrilled to be able to provide it."

cides upon the geographic fate for the agency. The GSA rents, builds, and maintains federal offices.

"GSA is like the real estate agent and property manager for the EPA," Simon said. GSA did not return the Southwester phone calls to comment.

For now, the EPA will live in its present home, which, according to Simon, is not environmentally healthy. Ironically, the building "has been considered sick because of bad ventilation systems and bad air."



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED AT BOWEN ELEMENTARY

Anthony Bowen's celebration of Black History Month, 1993, was more than the recollection of the contributions of people of African descent. The celebration of Black History Month was used as a time to increase awareness of the many achievements made by these people. Much began in antiquity and coexisted with the accomplishments of the Native Americans, Europeans, Asians, etc. Today, there are many African Americans who are using every opportunity to make further contributions. Bowen wants to encourage the students to dream and to prepare so that they can contribute for tomorrow.

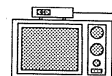
Black History Month activities were varied. During Bowen's annual "Black History Poetry Hour" the readings of poems written by African Americans were heard. This year, the staff also performed its interpretation of Maya Angelou's, "Inaugural Poem."

On display around the building were copies of African Proverbs and some students' interpretations. Each corridor featured pictures, art activities, etc. from the many periods of history. The role of music in history was also featured. The Glee Club sang songs that were written for enjoyment, told a story and songs that were used by slaves as signals to freedom. The month's activities ended with most of the students and staff attending the presentation of "From Africa to America" at Whittier Elementary School.

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This letter is in response to the article "SW Money Flow Discussed by Portals Exec., Branton CDC". It was about one of their board meetings. I was not aware that a *Southwester* reporter was at the meeting and while he was accorded the opportunity to give his interpretation of the meeting, neither Mr. Charles Hargrave, member of the Channel of Five nor I, executive director of the Office of Business & Community Assistance, Inc was given the same opportunity.

Your article is fraught with inaccuracies & false conclusions. One of the key inaccuracies is that "WBCDC was chosen as the organization through which developers' community contributions would reach various Southwest community organizations." At one of the first meetings "WBCDC was not given the responsibility by the Panel of Five to distribute the developers' contributions to community organizations. Once funding is approved by the Panel of Five, the developers have the responsibility of making payment to the recipient community organization."

The Portals Development Associates agreement with RLA includes a commitment to carry out a Community Participation Plan. PDA projected to fund at \$150,000 annually for an employment program targeted to youth in SW Washington. The CPP also projected funding of \$25,000 annually to cover administrative costs. This total was to be funded for ten years after construction of the project commenced. The program was to be implemented by the Panel of Five. In addition, the CPP called for the funding of a cultural outreach program which would be developed in cooperation with Young Audiences in the amount of \$25,000 annually.

Because of the Affirmative Action Plan agreement with RLA, the developer was required to establish an Office of Business & Community Assistance to maximize the involvement of minorities and District residents in the project. The OBCA utilizes the \$25,000 administrative cost allocation provided annually in the CPP to cover a portion of the OBCA administrative costs.

Before the October, 1990 meeting, the developers thought that the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Task Force or the ANC 2D were the proper community organizations to implement the CPP. Instead, the community representatives wanted to use the WBCDC. At the October meeting, this was agreed to. Also, it was agreed that Southwest non-profit community organizations would submit their proposals for funding to the WBCDC which would evaluate each and recommend those selected to the Panel of Five for approval. The actual distribution of funds for the approved programs was to remain with the developers.

Though the CPP provides for a youth employment program here, it was decided by the Panel of Five that other programs - those for senior citizens, food and clothing, ex-offenders, community newspaper, and scholarships would be considered. The developers made quite clear their resolve that the total up to \$150,000 per year for the youth employment and related grants be earmarked for programs that would directly benefit the neediest residents of the Near Southwest/Southeast and that very little of the funds should be utilized for administrative expenses of non-profit recipients of the grants, including WBCDC.

The WBCDC pressed its request for a start-up grant of \$25,000 for administrative costs. A one-time grant for start-up expenses was agreed at the October 1990 meeting. However, WBCDC had to inform the Panel of Five how the funds were spent & what steps they would take to raise continuing administrative funds from other sources.

Like any other community organization, WBCDC is eligible to submit a proposal for funding to the Panel of Five. It is up to the Panel to decide if the WBCDC's proposal is in keeping with the objectives of the Panel. The direct beneficiaries must be the underserved residents and/or youth of the community.

Community non-profit 501 (c) (3) organizations have been invited to apply for grants. WBCDC is still debating whether it should have \$25,000 in administrative funds each year. This is the decision of the Panel, not the developers. I only wish that Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (which I serve as president) had the same wonderful opportunity as WBCDC to facilitate the disbursement of up to \$150,000 per year in grants to programs designed to benefit the residents of Anacostia/Far Southeast.

Let's get to work and fund worthwhile programs here in Southwest/Southeast.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Hopkins, Jr.
Executive Director, Office
of Business & Community
Assistance, Inc.

Al Hopkins, Jr. is the minority partner in the Portals Project. The Portals are the development firm which bought the land between Maine Ave. & 12th St., from the DC government.

RE: THE DEATH OF "ROY ROGERS"

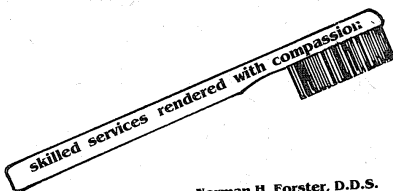
Dear Sir/Madam:

We are concerned over the publishing of the above captioned article in the February Southwester.

Responsible journalism would have required your writer to minimally check out the "rumors circulating through the Mall."

For your information and publication, we submit the following: [1] Roy Rogers is not closing; [2] American Cafe was not contacted by the Owners nor did American Cafe express interest in locating in the Mall; [3] The Plymouth Store chain filed for bankruptcy and closed all their stores. The Waterside store was reopened by Rainbow Fashion Apparel who purchased the Plymouth name from the bankruptcy trustee and rented the store from the Mall owners; [4] The developers were not required to build a cafeteria to serve EPA workers; [5] Hector's occupancy status is not a matter of rent but of renovation and upgrade.

Sincerely, Mall Manager
WMC MANAGEMENT, INC.

Quality Family Dentistry

554-3448

Norman H. Forster, D.D.S.
212 M St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT SOUTHWEST CHURCHES

Following are some of the church schedules for Lent, Easter and other special occasions.

St. Dominic's Church, 630 E St.: Holy Thursday (April 8) Solemn Concelebrated Mass and Procession of the Repository 9:30 p.m.; Good Friday (April 9) Three hours devotion 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.; Solemn Liturgical Service 1:30 p.m.; Holy Saturday (April 10) The Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass 7:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday (April 11) Masses at 8:00 and 9:45 a.m., and 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.

Second Baptist Church Southwest, 1st & M St.: 68th Anniversary Prayer Breakfast, and 19th Anniversary of Pastor H. Joseph Franklin, Saturday, April 3, 8:00 a.m., speaker, Rev. Carl Jenkins, Pastor of Dale City Christian Church, Dale City, VA. Charter Members Recognition Service, Sunday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., speaker, Rev. A. Michael Black, Pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, Washington, DC. Anniversary Luncheon, Saturday, April 10, 12:30 p.m. reception, Greenbelt Marriott Hotel, speaker, Rev. Louis Anthony, Pastor of Metropolitan Wesley, A. N. E. Church, Washington, DC. Anniversary chairpersons are Mrs. Beulah Newton and Deacon Dennis Sibert.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St.: Lenten services each Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., featuring a hymn sing, Bible study, and closing worship. Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday, 9:45 Sun. Sch., worship 11:00, April 8, Maundy Thursday - 7:45, April 9, Good Friday - 7:45, Sunday, April 11, Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. fellowship breakfast, 9:45 Sun. Sch., 11:00 - worship. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church: Morning prayers will be held at 7:30 a.m. Holy Monday, April 5 through Maundy Thursday, April 8; Good Friday service, noon to 3:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday, April 10, 10:30 p.m., celebrating The New Fire and The Great Vigil; Easter Day, April 11, 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, Rite I, 11:00 a.m., Eucharist, Rite II.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St.: Thursday, March 25, April 1 & April 8 (Maundy Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Sunday, April 4, 10:45 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Sunday, April 11, Easter Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

The Southwester Staff

The staff of the paper has greatly increased, and we want to thank all of you for responding to our requests for people to help. We still have a need for someone to sell ads to the nearby store owners. This would take a few days a month at the SW shopping centers and a few evenings of phone calls. Call Dana Winner at 488-8954 if you want to help in advertisements.

Alan Wiley is in-charge of distribution. This is his first month being in this position. We hope that everyone will receive his/her paper in a timely manner. The distribution assistant, Virginia Devine will be calling around to check.

A Fundraiser for the Randall Homeless Shelter Supper Program

On Sunday, June 6th the Joint Committee of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and Temple Micah will sponsor a fundraiser to benefit the Randall Homeless Shelter Program. The benefit will be in the afternoon at the Arena Stage Kreeger Theater. Come for the lively performance of the "Flying Karamazov Brothers". This year the Brothers shall be performing a comic version of the original novel, using their juggling antics. This should be a hit with all ages. After the performance, there will be a reception at St. Augustine's/Temple Micah, M Street, S.W., with the Flying Karamazov Brothers.

The Randall Homeless Shelter Supper Program supplies dinner to 200 men once a week, and the shelter is located at 75 Eye Street, S.W. St. Augustine's/Temple Micah and St. Dominic's Church provide the only dinner these men are guaranteed to receive during the week.

Tickets for this 2:00 p.m. performance are \$30 each. Please join in this humane endeavor. Call 202-554-3099 or 202-554-3222 for further information.

BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION AT CHRIST UNITED CHURCH

February 28th was Black Heritage Sunday at Christ United Methodist Church, where the 11 A.M. Worship Service reached new heights: it focused on gifts that were brought to America by those of African descent. The program, "singing 'Our Songs in a Strange Land,'" conceived and written by church member Elizabeth Bouey-Yates and based on Psalm 137, highlighted the gifts of Song, Story and Spirit, enabling some 200 persons gathered to further appreciate "the heritage of a people, inextricably contributors in the unfolding history of this great land."

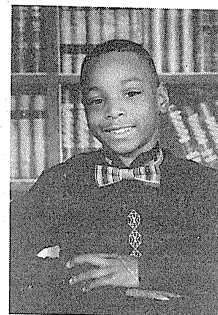
The Program featured the talents of Marie Goodman-Hunter, of Richmond, Virginia, currently appearing with Michelle Pfeiffer in the movie, "Love Field"; Elliott Moffitt, Director of Theatre at Bowie State University; the Black Heritage Choir with Bill Layton and John Reed as participants. Christ United Methodist Church is located at 4th and I Street, S.W. Esther M. Holimon is Pastor.

*May 15 is the deadline
SW Scholarship Fund!
Applications at SW Library*

Westminster Church

400 I Street SW 484-7700

We celebrate diversity - all are welcome!
SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHURCH SCHOOL - 11 AM
Rev. Jeanne MacKenzie, Pastor
Home of Food & Friends - hot meals to homebound patients with AIDS



Albert Williams

Tribute to Arthur Ashe

by Albert Williams

When these last words were said: "Ashes to Ashes - Dust to Dust",

Arthur Ashe, Jr. was just plain better than most of us.

Once ranked number one by the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association,

He is remembered more for speaking out against discrimination.

With racket in hand, this tall, thin Black man in white,

To the end tried to do what was right.

Remembered not for winning Wimbledon which would just highlight himself,

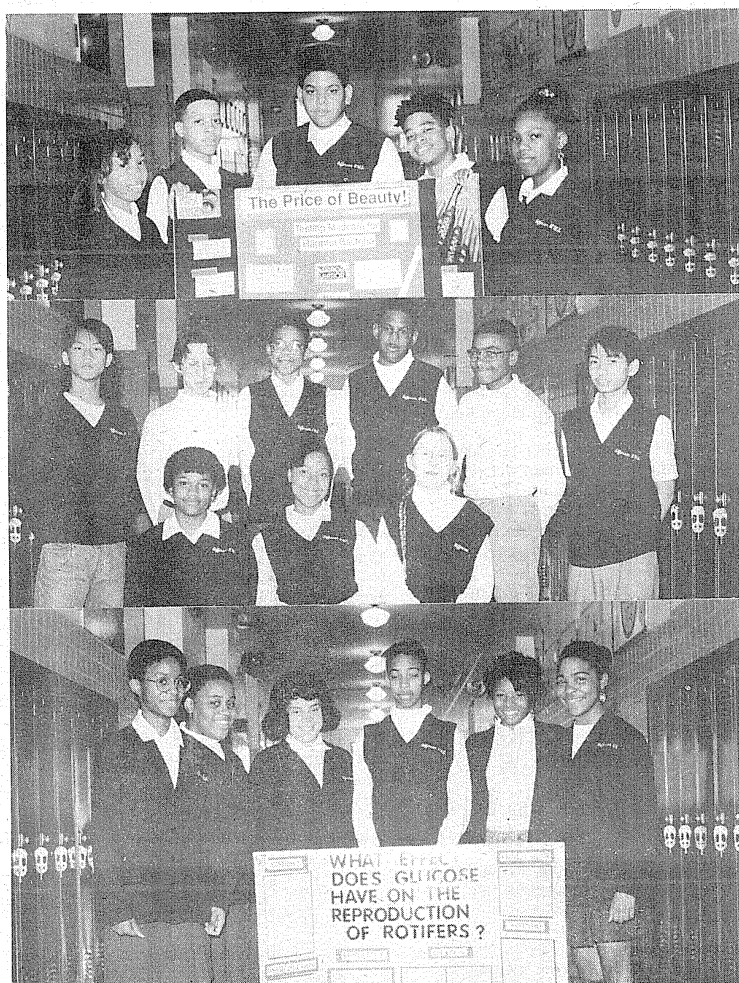
But for real courage to help others - Arthur Ashe type of courage - to do something special with your life.

Albert Williams is a 3rd Grader at Amidon Elementary School and an Amidon Library Tale-Teller.

RIVERSIDE		<i>A Place Where You Can Belong</i>
Baptist Church Seventh Street at Maine Ave., S.W.		
Church Office	554-4330	
Sunday School	9:45	
Worship Service	11:00	

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	
6th and M Streets, S.W.	
Sundays	8:00 and 11:00 am
Wednesday	6:30 pm

WELCOME TO SAINT DOMINIC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	
Dominican Fathers and Brothers	
Reverend Norman A. Haddad, O.P. Pastor	
630 E Street, Southwest (202) 554-7863	
MASSSES	
SATURDAY EVE: 5:15 p.m.	
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:45, 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.	
HOLYDAYS: Evening before: 5:30 p.m., 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.	
WEEKDAYS: 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.	
SATURDAY: 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.	



Jefferson Jr. High Science Fair Winners

BIOCHEMISTRY

1st Place - Mia Hollis 7-109
2nd Place - Melissa Morgan 8-110
3rd Place - Leah Singleton 8-110
Honorable Mention:
Qui Zhu - 8-106

CHEMISTRY

1st Places:
Michael Pinckney 7-302
Nefeteria Francis 7-302
2nd Place - Bakari Baldwin 9-208
3rd Place - Grea Neverson 9-208
Honorable Mention:
Marcus Brady 7-003

ENGINEERING

1st Place - Xiao Zhuang 7-304
2nd Place - Anala Henderson 7-304
3rd Place - Xiao Zhuang 9-207
Honorable Mention:
Joseph Goings 8-110

MATHEMATICS

1st Place - Brandi Berry 8-110
2nd Place - Philip Johnson 8-110
3rd Place - Ebony Jones 8-307
Honorable Mention:
Kenya Curtis 7-407

MEDICINE AND HEALTH

1st Place - Tori Johnson 9-204
2nd Place - Keith Beverly 7-302
3rd Place - Erika Taylor 9-102
Honorable Mention:
Lamar Coleman 9-205

MICROBIOLOGY

1st Place - Tahira Henderson 8-104
2nd Place - Bianca James 7-304
3rd Place - Alutosin Burrell 7-305
Honorable Mention:
Tiffani Fleming 7-302

ZOOLOGY

1st Place - Tiffany Montague 7-306
2nd Place - Patrice Barley 7-304
3rd Place - Jocelyn Boykin 7-105
Honorable Mention:
Malik Hunter 8-107

MEDICINE AND HEALTH

1st Place - Tori Johnson 9-204
2nd Place - Keith Beverly 7-302
3rd Place - Erika Taylor 9-102
Honorable Mention:
Lamar Coleman 9-205

PHYSICS

1st Place - Larry Hackett 7-109
2nd Place - Janice Fletcher 7-305
3rd Place - Aaron Smith 7-109
Honorable Mention:
Malachi McKinney 7-305

MICROBIOLOGY

1st Place - Tahira Henderson 8-104
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3rd Place - Alutosin Burrell 7-305
Honorable Mention:
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BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

1st Place - Marcela Daniel 7-302
2nd Place - Jason Smith 8-104
3rd Place - Maria Mejia - 8-110
Honorable Mentions:
Devrae McCants 9-208
Shavawn Borum 9-210

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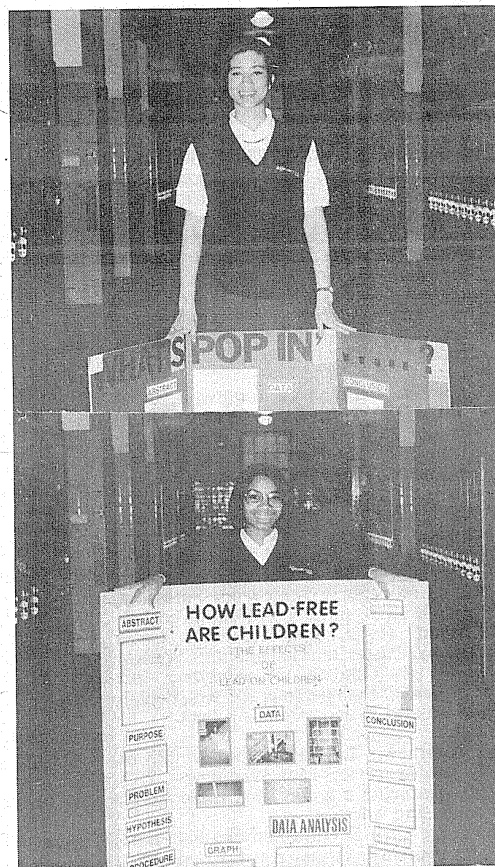
1st Place - Courtini Brown 9-208
2nd Place - Asfaw Woldegiorg 8-108
3rd Place - Shanna Green 7-003
Honorable Mention:
Wai Chow - 9-207

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE

1st Place - LeRoy Barley 8-104
2nd Place - Angel Yates 8-307
3rd Place - Damien Graham 8-108
Honorable Mention:
Sheena Simmons 7-109

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

1st Places:
Margaret Billis 7-302
Shani Mack 8-107
Wren Montgomery 8-110
2nd Place - Joyl Rice 9-207
3rd Place - Jacqueline Fisher 7-302
Honorable Mention:
Kimberly Winfield



Announcements

The *Southwester* receives many announcements of free (or almost free) happenings. The following is a listing of some of these services and events.

The D.C. Commission on the Arts Humanities announced that it is accepting applications for new grant awards - Call 724-5613

Washington Urban League, Inc.- Operation Rescue: community residents are needed to tutor 1st - 3rd grades during schooldays, call 724-4482

The Education Fund of the D.C. League of Women Voters - Sat., March 27, 10am-2pm, forum on "D.C. Statehood - What are the Issues?", lunch, \$5 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Piney Branch at Dahlia St., NW (Tak. Metro) call 202-331-4122 for reservation
AARP Tax Program - every Wednesday, counselor is available 1:00-5:00 pm at the SW Library, on Wesley St., at 3rd; program is open to low and moderate income citizens of the district. Bring copies of 1991 Federal and DC tax returns and W2 forms for 1992. Call Melanie Thompson, 202-889-2849.

S.W. Scholarship Fund - Look for the Flower Sale at the end of April, call Bea Judge at 202-554-1428 for more information.

The Bethune Museum and Archives, Inc. is presenting a lecture and slide presentation on the conservation "do's and don'ts" of preserving individual and organizational materials on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am at 1318 Vermont Ave., NW, call 202-332-1233

The Arthritis Foundation will offer its free Dial-A-Doctor services on Thursday, April 4, 1993 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It is sponsored by the Arlington Jaycees. To reach the physician, call the Foundation at 703-276-7555.